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SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, at this moment I am having reproduced a statement that was given to me by the Fiscal Office which brings us up to night before last. I'm not quite sure what yesterday's action did. Very shortly you will have before you where we stand on projections and expenditures up to night before last. I apologize to you, I guess it was my error that it has not been there before this, but it will be real shortly. It's being reproduced now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. In order to understand where we are the motion, I think, is a good motion. It was good when it was made, it's good now. It will help enable some of us to determine which priorities we will establish and vote to pass. We could easily say that the Governor is going to assist us by vetoing bills, but I think our decisions ought to be based on what we think is best and not just, helter skelter, send things out of the Legislature as enacted legislation, hoping that the Governor will rescue us by vetoing. It creates unnecessary antagonism between the two branches of government. I think there are enough legitimate issues that will exist that will create this opposition in terms of him having one opinion and the Legislature ... a different one. I'm going to oppose Senator Duis' reconsideration motion. I think we should have an opportunity to view all of the bills that contain spending prior to our passing them. That will help us determine how we're going to vote on the bills themselves. I'm opposed to the reconsideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Question of the Speaker. Are you going to.... Jules, are you going to work with Senator Carsten and get us a list of "A" bills so that we can tell what the amount would be, what the total dollars would be before we take up these "A" bills? Is that the intent?

SENATOR BURBACH: It was not my thought but it certainly is a good idea. I'll pursue it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Also, there will be plenty of time to override any vetoes if anybody wants to, isn't there? I understand your calendar says we'll come back a day after....

SENATOR BURBACH: On April 7th, which will be five more ... more than five intervening days from next Wednesday. Saturdays count, Sundays do not, so the Governor must veto or sign any bill, and there's plenty of opportunity for overriding any issue on April 7th.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK. I think we'd like to see a list, Cal, of what the bill's going ... and how much the total dollar would be. I'm still going to support this bill we just got done with. I think.... I'd oppose Senator Duis' motion too. I'd call for the question so we can get on with it.